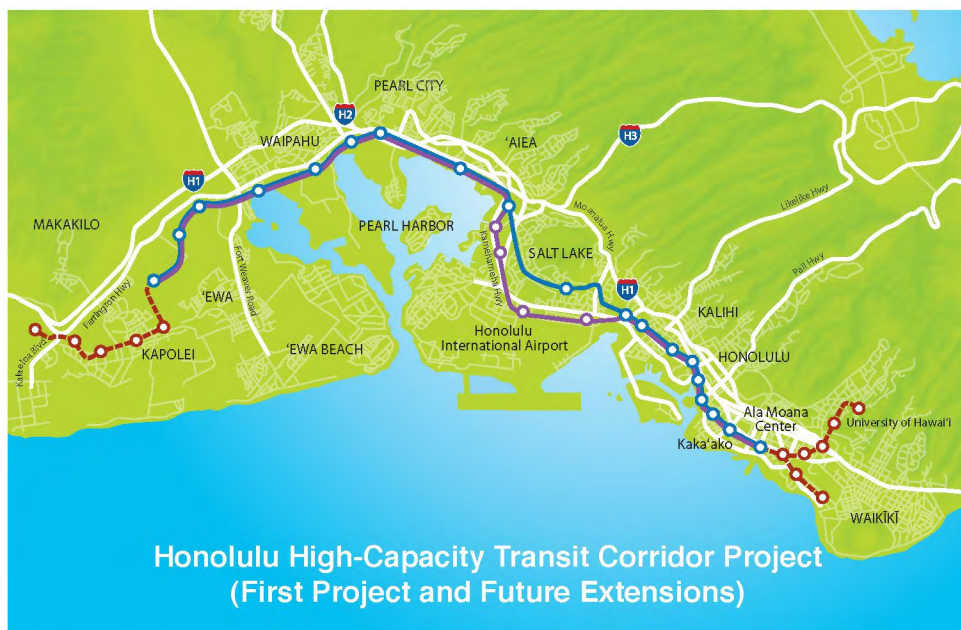


An Update on the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project

Review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Honolulu Rail Transit



Aloha! You have the opportunity to have your voice heard on one of our community's most important transportation projects. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) for the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project is now available. We invite you to review the Draft EIS and submit your comments. The public comment period will end on January 7, 2009.

The Draft EIS examines the environmental, economic and community impacts and benefits of 4 future alternatives between Kapolei and UH Mānoa: 3 potential routes for a rail transit line from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center are analyzed in comparison to the No Build alternative.

Where can I get a copy of the Draft EIS?

You can review a copy of the Draft EIS at your local state library, the City library, the Department of Transportation Services (650 South King Street, 3rd floor), the Rapid Transit Division (1099 Alakea Street, 17th floor), and online at www.honolulutransit.org.

You can also request a free DVD that includes a video about the Draft EIS. In addition, printed copies of the Draft EIS are available for purchase for \$59. Call **566-2299** or visit www.honolulutransit.org to order. Please include your full name, address and phone number when contacting the project.

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Public Hearing Dates for the Draft EIS

- **Saturday, December 6**
9 to 11 a.m. at Kapolei Hale
1000 Ulu'ohia Street, Kapolei
- **Monday, December 8**
6 to 8 p.m. at the Neal S. Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, Hawai'i Suites
777 Ward Avenue, Honolulu
- **Tuesday, December 9**
6 to 8 p.m. at Salt Lake District Park
1159 Ala Liliako'i Place, Honolulu
- **Wednesday, December 10**
6 to 8 p.m. at the Filipino Community Center
94-428 Mokuola Street, Waipahu
- **Thursday, December 11**
6 to 8 p.m. at Bishop Museum
1525 Bernice Street, Honolulu





Contact Us

You can reach us by calling the project hotline at 566-2299 or by submitting your comments to www.honolulutransit.org.

Call or email us if you would like to receive an electronic version of this newsletter or would like be removed from our mailing list.

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How can I comment?

There are three ways to comment:

1. **In writing** at a Draft EIS Public Hearing or mailed to:

**Department of
Transportation Services
650 S. King Street, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813**

Comments must be postmarked by January 7, 2009.

2. **In person** at a Draft EIS Public Hearing in December.
3. **Online** at www.honolulutransit.org.

Here is a look at several of the project's key environmental milestones.

Milestone and Date	Description
EIS Preparation Notice (2005) Scoping (2007)	Scoping identified the alternatives and impacts that are examined in the Environmental Impact Statement. Along with technical studies, the project reached out for the public's ideas and opinions through community meetings, City Council hearings and the Internet.
Alternatives Analysis (2006)	Information from Scoping was used to identify and analyze types of transit and routes that were reasonable and practical.
Honolulu City Council selects Locally Preferred Alternative (January 2007)	Based on the Alternatives Analysis and public testimony, the City Council selected a transit system for the Kapolei to UH Mānoa traffic corridor.
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (November 2008)	The Draft EIS studies the potential impacts of three routes from East Kapolei to Ala Moana Center, as well as a No Build alternative. The public and government agencies can review and comment on the Draft EIS.
Final Environmental Impact Statement (projected for 2009)	The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will issue the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). The Final EIS will respond to comments received on the Draft EIS, identify a preferred alternative, show state and federal environmental laws are followed, and identify any mitigation measures.
Record of Decision (projected for the second half of 2009)	The FTA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD), which will state the FTA's determination that all environmental steps have been completed. The ROD describes the basis for the decision, identifies alternatives that were considered and summarizes specific mitigations for the project.